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Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work

Provisional agenda

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      (ii) World Programme of Action for Youth;
      (iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
      (iv) Family issues, policies and programmes;
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5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fiftieth session.

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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect from among the representatives of its members a Chair, one or more Vice-Chairs and such other officers as may be required. Following the established practice, the Commission shall elect a Chair and four Vice-Chairs and also designate one of the Vice-Chairs as Rapporteur (Vice-Chair-and-Rapporteur).

In subparagraph (c) of its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission for Social Development would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau. In its resolution 2010/10, the Council recommended that, in order to enhance the effectiveness of the work of the Commission, the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission serve for a term of office of two years, in parallel with the review and policy cycle.

Accordingly, the Commission held the first meeting of its fiftieth session on 18 February 2011, immediately following the closure of the forty-ninth session, and re-elected by acclamation Jorge Valero (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) as Chair of the Commission and Olisa Cifligu (Albania), Susanne Fries-Gaier (Germany), Eduardo Meñez (Philippines) and Najla Abdelrahman (Sudan) as Vice-Chairs. Subsequently, upon the resignation of Mr. Meñez, the Asian States nominated Ana Marie Hernando (Philippines) to represent their regional group on the Bureau as Vice-Chair. At the opening meeting of the fiftieth session of the Commission, on 1 February 2012, the nominee will be elected as Vice-Chair. At the same meeting, the Commission will designate one of its Vice-Chairs as having rapporteurial responsibilities.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that, after the election of its officers at the beginning of each session, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda and documentation for the fiftieth session of the Commission were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2011/255.

The proposed organization of work of the Commission at its fiftieth session (see annex I) has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time frame available and in accordance with the conference services allocated to the Commission. The timetable should be considered tentative and indicative: if the Commission completes its consideration of an item ahead of schedule, it may wish to proceed immediately to the next item.

The Commission is scheduled to meet from Wednesday, 1 February, to Friday, 10 February 2012. Arrangements have been made to hold morning and afternoon meetings during the session: morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Documentation

Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work (E/CN.5/2012/1)

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/46 on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", the Commission will undertake regular assessment of the implementation of the Copenhagen commitments and the further initiatives adopted at Geneva.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/CN.5/2012/2)

(a) Priority theme: poverty eradication

In its resolution 2010/10, the Economic and Social Council decided that the priority theme for the 2011-2012 review and policy cycle would be poverty eradication, taking into account its interrelationship with social integration and full employment and decent work for all. The Commission reviewed the theme at its forty-ninth session in 2011 and will complete the biennial cycle by adopting action-oriented policy recommendations on poverty eradication at its fiftieth session in 2012. The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the priority theme.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on poverty eradication (E/CN.5/2012/3)

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

(ii) World Programme of Action for Youth

(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(iv) Family issues, policies and programmes

The Commission will consider issues pertaining to the situation of social groups. The Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development will present a report. The Commission will have before it reports of the Secretary-General on the appropriate ways and means to observe the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth, and on the strategic implementation framework for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014 (E/CN.5/2012/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (E/CN.5/2012/5)

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming disability in the development agenda (E/CN.5/2012/6)

Note by the Secretary-General on the monitoring of the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (E/CN.5/2012/7)

(c) Emerging issues

In its resolution 2006/18, the Economic and Social Council decided to include the agenda item entitled "Emerging issues" in the programme of work of the Commission. The members of the Bureau, in consultation with their respective regional groups, agreed that the theme for discussion under this agenda item during the fiftieth session would be "Youth: poverty and unemployment". A note by the Secretariat will be available to facilitate the discussion.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on youth: poverty and unemployment (E/CN.5/2012/8)

4. Programme questions and other matters

The Commission will have before it the proposed strategic framework of the Secretariat for the biennium 2014-2015 in the field of social development.

Documentation

Conference room paper on the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2014-2015, subprogramme 3, Social policy and development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs (E/CN.5/2012/CRP.1)

5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its fifty-first session, together with an indication of the documentation to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission (E/CN.5/2012/L.1)*

* To be issued as an in-session document.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fiftieth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission shall submit to the Council a report on the work of its fiftieth session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Commission on its fiftieth session (E/CN.5/2012/L.2)*

* To be issued as an in-session document.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work (1-10 February 2012)

Date	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
Week of 1-3 February 2012		
Wednesday, 1 February		
a.m.	1. Election of officers	
	2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	(E/CN.5/2012/1)
	3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly	Introduction of documentation under agenda item 3, including its sub-items (a) and (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/CN.5/2012/2)
	(a) Priority theme: poverty eradication	Report of the Secretary-General on poverty eradication (E/CN.5/2012/3)
	(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups	Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014 (E/CN.5/2012/4)
	(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons	Report of the Secretary-General on the second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (E/CN.5/2012/5)
	(ii) World Programme of Action for Youth	Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming disability in the development agenda (E/CN.5/2012/6)
	(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002	Note by the Secretary-General on the monitoring of the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (E/CN.5/2012/7)
	(iv) Family issues, policies and programmes	Presentation of the outcome of the Civil Society Forum held on 31 January 2012

Date	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
	3 (a) (*continued*)	General discussion
p.m.	3 (a) (*continued*)	Panel discussion on item 3 (a)
Thursday, 2 February		
a.m.	3 (a) (*continued*)	General discussion
p.m.	3 (a) (*contirued and concluded*)	General discussion
Friday, 3 February		
a.m.	3 (b)	Presentation by the Special Rapporteur on disability
		General discussion
p.m.	3 (b) (*continued and concluded*)	General discussion
Week of 6-10 February 2012		
Monday, 6 February		
a.m.	3 (c)	Introduction and general discussion
		Panel discussion
		Note by the Secretariat on youth: poverty and unemployment (E/CN.5/2011/8)
p.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Informal consultations
		(no plenary meeting)
Tuesday, 7 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Informal consultations
		(no plenary meeting)
		1 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals
p.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Informal consultations
		(no plenary meeting)
Wednesday, 8 February		
a.m.	4. Programme questions and other matters	Conference room paper on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 for subprogramme 3, Social policy and development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs (E/CN.5/2012/CRP.1)

Date	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
	3 (a) and (b)	Informal consultations
		(following plenary meeting)
p.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Informal consultations
		(no plenary meeting)
Thursday, 9 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b)	**Introduction of draft proposals**
		Informal consultations
		(following plenary meeting)
p.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Informal consultations
		(no plenary meeting)
Friday, 10 February		
a.m. and p.m.	5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session of the Commission	Action on draft proposals
		Adoption of the provisional agenda for the next session
	6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fiftieth session	Adoption of the report
		Closure of the session[a]

[a] In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2002/210, the Commission, immediately following the closure of the fiftieth session, will hold the first meeting of its fifty-first session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council. In accordance with Council resolution 2010/10, the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission for the fifty-first session will be elected for a two-year term.

Annex II

Membership of the Commission for Social Development at its fiftieth session (2012)

(46 members; four-year term)

Membership	*Term expires at close of the session in the year*
1. Albania	2013
2. Andorra	2015
3. Argentina	2012
4. Armenia	2012
5. Bangladesh	2015
6. Brazil	2013
7. Burkina Faso	2015
8. Cameroon	2015
9. China	2013
10. Cuba	2015
11. Egypt	2015
12. El Salvador	2012
13. Ethiopia	2013
14. France	2012
15. Gabon	2013
16. Germany	2012
17. Ghana	2012
18. Guatemala	2012
19. Haiti	2013
20. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2013
21. Italy	2013
22. Japan	2012
23. Lesotho	2013
24. Mauritius	2013
25. Mexico	2015

Membership	*Term expires at close of the session in the year:*
26. Nepal	2015
27. Netherlands	2013
28. Nigeria	2012
29. Pakistan	2012
30. Peru	2015
31. Philippines	2013
32. Qatar	2013
33. Republic of Korea	2012
34. Russian Federation	2012
35. Senegal	2012
36. Spain	2015
37. Sudan	2012
38. Sweden	2013
39 Switzerland	2013
40. United States of America	2012
41. Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2013
42. Viet Nam	2015
43. Zimbabwe	2015
44. (Vacancy — Eastern European States)	2013
45. (Vacancy — Eastern European States)	2015
46. (Vacancy — Western European and other States)	2015